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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN
Military Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Information for Secretary Richardson

1. Attached are three memoranda, all of which are germane to the interests of Secretary Richardson as expressed in your telephone conversation with me on 14 February.

2. Two of the memoranda [redacted] concern Communist military supply and logistical movements in Indochina since the formal cease-fire went into effect on 27 January. [redacted] covers developments of the first week following the cease-fire, and [redacted] covers developments of the second week -- i.e., through 13 February. We plan to continue issuing this publication on a weekly basis as long as it is necessary. Copies of the first two issues have already been sent to Secretary Richardson's office through normal channels, but I have also attached them here to be sure that you have them in hand.

3. The third memorandum [redacted] issued 9 February) summarizes North Vietnamese infiltration activity in the weeks immediately before and after the cease-fire. The conclusions of this memorandum are still valid, and there have been no significant changes in the infiltration picture since 9 February. As a cautionary note, however, I would point out that while the infiltration flow from North Vietnam to the south apparently has been rather abruptly halted (and remains halted to this date), it could be resumed at any time and we have no positive evidence of a North Vietnamese intention to stop infiltration activity permanently. Furthermore, we do have

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evidence that new recruits are still being inducted into the North Vietnamese Army, and the December-January class of inductees will have completed training and would be available for possible infiltration by roughly the end of March. In sum, the North Vietnamese have stopped the infiltration flow for the present, but appear to be keeping their options open to start it up again if they determine that such a course of action is in their interest.

4. Later today I will send you another short memorandum containing our comments on the military activity which has continued inside South Vietnam since the formal beginning of the cease-fire, and on the present state of our information concerning the post-cease-fire fighting in South Vietnam.

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Attachments

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